

1 AN ACT relating to speech-language pathologists or audiologists, and making an
2 appropriation therefor.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 157.397 is amended to read as follows:

5 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary:

6 (1) (a) ~~[If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose,]~~A local
7 board of education shall provide an annual salary supplement to all speech-
8 language pathologists or audiologists:

9 1. Who are employed by the local board of education to provide or
10 coordinate speech-language pathology or audiology services for
11 students; and

12 2. Who hold:

13 a. i. A certificate of clinical competence issued by the American
14 Speech-Language Hearing Association; or

15 ii. Board certification from the American Board of
16 Audiology; and

17 b. i. A valid Kentucky credential approved and issued by the
18 Education Professional Standards Board under KRS
19 Chapter 161; or

20 ii. A license approved and issued by the Kentucky Board of
21 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology under KRS
22 Chapter 334A.

23 (b) The salary supplement shall be in the same amount as the salary supplement
24 provided to a public school teacher who has attained certification from the
25 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as provided in KRS
26 157.395.~~[If the amount appropriated by the General Assembly is less than the~~
27 ~~amount necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph, the salary~~

1 supplement received by each qualified speech-language pathologist or
2 audiologist shall be reduced proportionately by the Department of Education
3 so that all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a supplement.]

4 (c) The supplement shall remain available to a speech-language pathologist or
5 audiologist so long as[funds are appropriated for this purpose by the General
6 Assembly, and] the speech-language pathologist or audiologist continues to
7 meet the requirements established by this subsection. The supplement shall
8 cease if the speech-language pathologist or audiologist is employed in another
9 capacity by the local board where the provision of speech-language pathology
10 or audiology services is incidental to his or her other duties.

11 (d) When funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for the supplement,
12 the Department of Education shall:

- 13 1. Determine how many speech-language pathologists and audiologists
14 qualify for the supplement each year;
- 15 2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each
16 qualified speech-language pathologist and audiologist based on
17 appropriated funds available;
- 18 3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount available
19 to each qualifying speech-language pathologist and audiologist
20 employed by the local board of education; and
- 21 4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of
22 supplement amounts due; and

23 (2) ~~If funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the salary~~
24 ~~supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local board of education~~
25 ~~may provide an annual salary supplement under the conditions established by~~
26 ~~subsection (1) of this section using the resources available to the local board of~~
27 ~~education; and~~

- 1 ~~(3) —~~ The supplement authorized by this section shall be considered in the calculation for
2 contribution to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.